

per barrel, which at the time was nearly a 50 percent price reduction.

We must take action on this today, because the future energy outlook is grim. Consistently high oil prices have a devastating effect on Americans simply trying to heat and cool their homes, on small businesses just trying to keep up with the cost of doing business, and on the overall economy as more and more disposable income from people and business is bundled off to foreign countries to pay for oil. Future predictions are so dire that the October 2004 Short-term Energy Outlook published by the Energy Information Administration (EIA) at the Department of Energy is predicting that in 2005, high world oil prices will begin to slow the pace of world economic growth and that high current and projected crude oil costs suggest that large reductions in average gasoline prices are unlikely anytime soon.

The United States economy should not be held hostage to foreign oil interests. The effect of using the SPR during the early 1990s was clear. I urge my colleagues to join me to ensure that the President has every tool available at his disposal to fight rising oil prices that impact our economy and provide relief to the millions of Americans and small businesses affected by skyrocketing oil prices.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to pay tribute to the Queen of Peace Catholic Church as this organization celebrates fifty years of service.

The Queen of Peace Parish was established in 1954 and has served the people of Lake County since its dedication on November 29, 1954. The parish includes the city of Clearlake and the communities of Lower Lake and Clearlake Oaks. In 1995 the community of Lucerne became part of the parish.

The parish has committed itself to serving members of the community and has established several organizations that provide charitable works for the City of Clearlake and Lake County. The contributions from parishioners and revenue from the Thrift Store in Lower Lake have provided emergency assistance, food and shelter to the needy.

Father Louis has served as pastor of the Queen of Peace Church since 1997 and has provided dedicated leadership to the parish community.

Mr. Speaker, the Queen of Peace Catholic Church represents the commitment of promoting a strong community. Quite simply, the Queen of Peace Catholic Church has been a legacy to Lake County; it is most appropriate that we honor the fifty years of service of the Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE ROBIN KROOGMAN

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and fond memories that I rise today to pay tribute to the life of an outstanding member of the New Haven, Connecticut, The Honorable Robin Kroogman. Robin's life was cut tragically short when she lost her battle with cancer in late October of this year. She was a dear friend and I, along with many in the New Haven community, will always remember her for her kind heart and endless generosity.

A member of New Haven's Board of Alderman for sixteen years, Robin was well-known for her tireless advocacy. As a local legislator she fought diligently for the Fair Haven neighborhood and its residents, bringing the community through some of its most challenging times. She was responsible for the creation of the Board's Public Safety Committee which she also chaired. During her tenure, she introduced legislation and resolutions dealing with a variety of issues from community development to environmental justice. She was a true leader who also acted as a mentor for newly elected legislators even after she left the Board in 2003.

For thirty years Robin served as a fund-raiser, organizer, and adviser to candidates for municipal, state, and federal offices. Many of those who serve in elected office today representing New Haven benefitted from her guidance and counsel. Robin was always there to lend a helping hand. She was also known for her advocacy of animal rights, recognized by organizations like the Friends of the New Haven Animal Shelter for her good work. Robin made a difference in everything that she did—touching the lives of many. She left an indelible mark on our community which will be remembered and cherished.

Advocate, leader, mentor, and friend, Robin exemplified all that a public servant should be. I was indeed honored to have called her my friend. Though saddened beyond words by her passing, I am proud to stand today to pay tribute to Robin Kroogman whose indomitable spirit has left a legacy which will continue to inspire all those who knew her.

CONGRATULATING BOB MANGANIello ON HIS RETIRE- MENT

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to my good friend Robert Manganiello upon his retirement as publisher of the Citizens' Voice newspaper in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Bob is a veteran in the newspaper business. He became publisher of the Voice in 1997 after being its general manager for 12 years. In that capacity, Bob assisted the staff in several transitions, guiding the staff through significant reorganization and growth.

Bob began a 45-year newspaper career at The Sunday Dispatch in Pittston, and later worked at the Scrantonian/Tribune in Scranton and the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. Bob came to the Citizens' Voice and worked in the editorial department. He then took the position of marketing director.

Although Bob has retired, he agreed to stay on with the newspaper in an advisory position until Spring of 2005.

Bob and his wife Mary Claire live in Plains Township and have one daughter, Carolyn Calabrese, and a grandson named Christopher.

Bob has always served the community through civic and volunteer organizations. He is a member of the board of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Diamond City Partnership, Penn State/Wilkes-Barre Advisory Board, St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen and Greater Pittston Area Chamber of Commerce. Bob serves on the Membership Services Committee of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association. He is on the executive board of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Bob Manganiello on a long and fruitful career. It is a privilege to know a man who is so dedicated to the community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SMALL BUSINESS AND FARM ENERGY EMERGENCY RELIEF ACT OF 2004

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker I rise today to introduce the Small Business and Farm Energy Emergency Relief Act of 2004.

According to the October 2004 Short-Term Energy Outlook published by the Energy Information Administration (EIA) at the Department of Energy, residential heating expenditures are projected to increase for all fuel types compared to year-ago levels and are even likely to generate higher expenditures even in regions where demand for fuel is expected to fall. The average residential natural gas prices are expected to be 11 percent higher than they were last winter, and household expenditures are expected to be 15 percent higher. Heating oil prices are expected to average 29 percent higher compared with last winter and household expenditures are expected to be 28 percent higher. Propane prices are expected to average 17 percent above last winter, with 22 percent higher expenditures for propane-heated households.

The high and rising costs of oil, natural gas, and propane, and other petroleum distillates, can have a significant economic impact on small businesses, farms, and distributors, as well as a larger overall negative impact on the economy. In fact, the future energy outlook is so grim that EIA is predicting that next year high world oil prices will begin to slow the pace of world economic growth.

We must take action today to ensure relief to America's farms and small businesses before the worst of winter and the coming energy crisis is upon us. That is why I am proposing an expansion of the Economic Injury Disaster

Loans (EIDLs) at the Small Business Administration and the Emergency Loans at the Department of Agriculture so that small businesses and farms that suffer direct economic injury by, or are likely to suffer direct economic injury by, significant increases in the prices of heating oil, propane, kerosene, natural gas, or electricity are eligible to apply for those loans.

The United States economy should not be held hostage to foreign oil interests. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of our small businesses and farms.

RECOGNIZING ARSENIO P. "SAM" SANCHEZ FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF CLEARLAKE, CA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Arsenio P. "Sam" Sanchez for his outstanding service on the City Council of Clearlake, California. His outstanding leadership and commitment has significantly benefited the people of Clearlake and he will be sorely missed upon his retirement.

Mr. Sanchez has dedicated 18 years and 10 months of his life to serving on the City Council. He has achieved the status of the longest tenured council member in the city's history. In 1984 he was first elected and served until 1990 and because of his efforts on behalf of the community he was again elected in 1992 and served until 2004. During this time he has served as Mayor for three terms and also as Vice Mayor for three terms.

Mr. Sanchez's expertise is matched only by his dedication to improving his community and his tremendous work ethic. He has served as a longstanding member on the Lake County Coordinated Resource Management Committee and on the Area Planning Council (APC). He has shown his devotion as a longstanding member of the Lake Transit Authority Board of directors. In appreciation for all of his contributions over the years, a new transit building in Lower Lake will be named after him. The building will be known officially as "The Lamkin-Sanchez Transit Operations Center."

While serving our community for numerous years on the City Council, Arsenio has also served in Army Intelligence. He committed over 25 years of his life to Army Intelligence before retiring.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, because of the many contributions he has made to the city of Clearlake, it is proper for us to honor Arsenio P. "Sam" Sanchez as he retires from the City Council and extend our very best wishes to him in his retirement.

HONORING FRANK JOHNSON ON HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to an

outstanding member of the community of Naugatuck, Connecticut, Franklin Johnson. Frank recently celebrated his eightieth birthday and it is for that milestone that I stand today to extend to him my sincere congratulations.

It is not often that you find an individual who dedicates a lifetime of professional and volunteer service to his community. It is individuals such as these that make a real difference in the lives of others. Throughout his lifetime, Frank has been just this kind of citizen. Born and raised in the Borough of Naugatuck, he has always demonstrated a unique dedication to public service—especially to our veterans and young people.

After graduating from high school, Frank enlisted in the Army serving his nation in the D-Day invasion, the liberation of Paris, and the Battle of the Bulge. His dedication to the men and women of America's armed services have never wavered. For over fifty years, Frank has ensured that their dedication—especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice—is remembered and honored with a ceremony which is held at Naugatuck High School the Friday before Memorial Day. Frank has also served as the Post Commander of American Legion Post 17 and, for the last sixteen years, as the Chairman of the Naugatuck Veterans Council, has been responsible for the organization and production of the Naugatuck Memorial Day Parade. Through all of his outstanding work, Frank has ensured that the service and courage of our veterans as well as that of the brave men and women who currently serve in our nation's armed forces, is remembered with the respect and dignity they so richly deserve.

I have often spoke of our nation's need for talented, creative individuals willing to help our children learn and grow. In the course of his thirty-eight year career at Naugatuck High School as a teacher, guidance counselor, and administrator, Frank was just that kind of educator. His professional life was dedicated to helping our young people access and obtain the tools and skills they would need as they pursued their own dreams.

This year, as he celebrates his eightieth birthday, Frank can reflect on his lifetime of invaluable contributions with pride. We are fortunate indeed to have such a dedicated individual whose generosity and compassion has touched the lives of so many. I am proud to stand today to join his wife, Jeanne, his children, grandchildren, family, friends, and the Naugatuck community in wishing Franklin Johnson the very best as he celebrates his eightieth year. He has left an indelible mark on this community and a legacy which is sure to inspire others for generations to come. Frank Johnson is a true community treasure. HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRANK!

CONGRATULATING PAUL GOLIAS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to my good friend Paul L. Golias, who is retiring at the end of this month from the Citizens' Voice newspaper in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Paul and I have a long history together, going back to my life well before I ran for Congress. As a young attorney, I was involved in many public issues which Paul covered as a young reporter. I learned to trust him to be fair and accurate when I represented a minority bloc of authority members who filed suit to cancel a corrupt sewage treatment plant contract.

Paul has journalism in his blood. He loves the chase of a good story and sees journalists as watchdogs, holding the government accountable for its actions. His colleagues have nothing but praise for his integrity and ethics.

He spent his entire life in the newspaper business, starting as a mailroom employee for the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company when he was a high school student in 1959. Paul "paid his dues" in the business, first working as a copyboy and librarian before moving up the ranks to reporter.

Paul got his first reporting job with the Wilkes-Barre Record in 1965. Three years later, he went over to The Times Leader/The Evening News.

Paul came to the Citizens' Voice and became night city editor in 1979. He helped the newspaper in its quick transition to publishing seven days a week. In 1982, he was named managing editor, a position he held for 22 years. This past year, Paul left that position to be a columnist. Thousands of readers, including myself, have enjoyed his wit and insight.

Throughout his career, Paul worked on a number of stories that had a tremendous impact on Northeastern Pennsylvania. In 1972, Paul covered the flooding that Tropical Storm Agnes caused, leaving more than 20,000 people homeless and causing \$1 billion in damage. More than 20 years later, Paul used this experience to lead the coverage of the flood of January 1996, noting the importance of levees along the Susquehanna River to protect the Wyoming Valley.

Paul wrote a series on the decline of the garment industry in our region that won an award from the Associated Press. In his first year as managing editor, he led his staff's coverage of the mass murder of 13 people in 1982.

Because of his lifelong commitment to the community, Paul always recognized the significance of events which casual observers often missed. During the debate over redistricting in late 2001, he understood that dividing Luzerne County into three Congressional districts would have been devastating to the region. Paul ran daily stories with accompanying maps to highlight the folly of the initial plan. Public outcry stopped the redistricting plan. The district which I represent today exists in large part because of the Citizens' Voice reporting, which Paul directed.

As a citizen, Paul felt that being active in the community was important. He served on the boards of the former Welfare Planning Council, Catholic Youth Center, Valley Santa and the advisory board for of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, Boy Scouts of America.

In addition to serving on the advisory board, Paul also served as both a cubmaster and scoutmaster for 10 years. He coached a seniors' softball and a teenagers' baseball team.

Paul fulfilled his civic duty as a member of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. For six years, he served in the First Battalion, 109th Field Artillery, attaining the rank of staff sergeant.